



Franklin Thigpen

March 13, 1933 - April 4, 2024

Franklin “Frank” Thigpen, 91, of West Point, VA passed away April 4, 2024. He was born in Mt. Olive, North Carolina to the late Alex and Jessie Thigpen. Frank served in the United States Army and was employed by Chesapeake Corporation for 27 years. He enjoyed gardening and driving around town about 25 mph and holding up traffic. He and Wiley Ogg are riding together in heaven and driving 25 mph.

Frank was preceded in death by two daughters, Isaline Hewlett and Collette Custis; a son, Butch Woodson and two brothers, John and Woodrow Thigpen.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Paige Norman Thigpen; daughters, Corey Jena, Theresa Rekaut and Gwen Graves; a son, Roland Saincone; grandchildren, Johnny Jena, Frances, Amanda, Christy, Robbie, Shawn, Dean, Steve, Tracy, Janet, Charity and Dixie. He is also survived by brothers, Morris, Alex and Alfred Thigpen; twenty-three great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 8th in Sunny Slope Cemetery, 2440 King William Avenue, West Point, VA 23181.

Cemetery Details

Sunny Slope Cemetery

King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sunny Slope Cemetery
King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

GH

“ It was an honor to help support you through this difficult time.



Gentiva Hospice - May 20, 2024 at 03:38 PM

MC

“ Mary Hudson Crowe lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen



Mary Hudson Crowe - April 11, 2024 at 07:27 PM

BB

“ Lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen.



Brian Boswell - April 11, 2024 at 06:54 AM

PF

“ Paul And Regina Feucht lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen



Paul and Regina Feucht - April 10, 2024 at 08:57 PM

PF

Frank was so generous to us in lending his dump truck and so many other things. We were always to impressed with his garden!

Paul and Regina Feucht - April 10, 2024 at 08:59 PM

BL

“ Paige I'm so sad for your loss. Thinking of you and the family.



Brenda D. Lee - April 09, 2024 at 02:47 PM

SF

“ Sue Greggs And Family lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen



Sue Greggs and family - April 09, 2024 at 11:37 AM

BR

“ Braxton lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen



Braxton - April 08, 2024 at 09:52 PM

VA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Virginia&Will Addison - April 08, 2024 at 11:53 AM

JR

“ JOHN & VICKIE ROANE lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen



JOHN & VICKIE ROANE - April 08, 2024 at 08:46 AM

VB

“ We are so sorry to hear of Frank's passing. Our hearts go out to Paige and the entire family. This is a loss to the whole community. We will truly miss Frank and the joy he brought to our lives. Frank first came into our lives in the early 1950's when he arrived in West Point with the Asplund Tree Company. He used to eat in my parent's' store, Britton's Restaurant. My whole family always enjoyed his visits. Years later, Frank did a lot of landscaping at our home. We even have a special chair he always sat in when he was here. He was always a loyal friend and stood up for us when we needed him. Frank was one of a kind, a special character whom we appreciate and will greatly miss in our lives. May God bless you, Paige and all of your family. Vic and Sharon Britton

Vic and Sharon Britton - April 07, 2024 at 09:52 AM

JB

“ Sorry for your lost John blake 🥹

John blake - April 07, 2024 at 06:35 AM

JP

“ He was a very nice kind man and a stranger to no one. Love and prayers to his family.

judy and Glenn Palmer - April 07, 2024 at 06:26 AM

SW

“ *My memories go back to not long after Frank arrived in West Point. He worked for my Dad, Sherman Robbins, painting for years. He also did some work for me in my yard, many, many years later. There was only one like him. He was so kind to many and tried to keep an eye on everything! He will be missed.*

Sandra Willis - April 06, 2024 at 08:47 PM

PS

Frank was one of a kind, that's for sure. He made me smile and laugh every time I saw him. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I'm truly sorry for your loss.

Peggy Wills Sanford - April 07, 2024 at 11:49 AM

FC

“ *Francis Chandler lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen*



francis chandler - April 06, 2024 at 08:20 PM

AH

“ *Aletta Hall lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen*



Aletta Hall - April 06, 2024 at 07:23 PM

AC

“ *Agnes Crosswell lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen*



Agnes Crosswell - April 06, 2024 at 03:28 PM

ZC

“ *I laugh whenever I think of Mr. Thigpen. He was always delighted to see you, spoke to you no matter where you met, and made you feel good. He was the only one I let call me "Sadie" as he never could remember the correct way. Zady Edwards Carlton*

zady carlton - April 06, 2024 at 03:27 PM

DP

“ *Don Perry lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen*



Don Perry - April 06, 2024 at 02:45 PM

DN

“ Frank .. you were a Bird and I mean this in a good way as you did much in your life trying to help other people who weren't really capable of doing things for themselves. You always had a way of doing things and I always called it .. doing things The Frank's Way ! Sure going to miss seeing the cops chasing you up and down the streets .. not sure how many citations you really received for driving too slow but you always made it back home .. YOU have been granted your Heavenly driver's permit which never expires ! Rest in Peace Frank ,... all will be just fine on 11 th Street !

Dennis Norman - April 06, 2024 at 01:40 PM

JB

“ Not many have left memories with me like Ole Frank! God Rest Your Soul!!!

Jerry Blanchard - April 06, 2024 at 01:10 PM

VG

“ Frank will be missed by so many, I can just see him riding his lawnmower across Heaven! Hollering !"Hey Sweetheart "I'll be praying for you Corey, I know its tough!❤️🙏

Vickie L Grimes - April 06, 2024 at 10:59 AM

TG

“ Prayers for all of his friends and family. Enjoy sharing funny memories with one another.



Tina Gulley - April 06, 2024 at 10:57 AM

NH

“ *Lite a candle in memory of Frank and all his good vegetables that he shared with Carroll and Nancy Hazzard!!*



Nancy Hazzard - April 06, 2024 at 10:54 AM

WW

“ *William And Susan Willis lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen*



William and Susan Willis - April 06, 2024 at 10:19 AM

WW

Frank is a one of a kind. He and I worked together for many years and we had no problems. We were able to catch him a state citation in his pond and I can still see the smile on his face. I will miss you old friend. Our prayers for the family!

William and Susan Willis - April 06, 2024 at 11:12 PM



“ *Frank always told me I was going to miss him one day. He gave me the opportunity to make so many memories with my family, for that I will always be thankful. He meant a lot to my family and will be missed greatly. We are so sorry for your family's loss.*

Scott Cade - April 06, 2024 at 09:29 AM

FS

“ FAITH SILVA lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen



FAITH SILVA - April 06, 2024 at 08:38 AM

JW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Pickles passing. He was a part of my life for over 50 years. He will be missed around town. I can still see that truck going about 5 miles per hour. May good memories help us all at this time.

Janie wampler - April 06, 2024 at 08:35 AM

WW

Frank Will be missed as someone stated you would see him moving along slowly checking the town out to see if anything was going on Rest In Peace my friend. Bill Wiis

W E Wiis - April 06, 2024 at 10:07 AM

JB

“ Sorry for the loss, frank was a good man.



Jonathan booth - April 06, 2024 at 07:35 AM

RC

“ RT Croswell And Donna Croswell lit a candle
in memory of Franklin Thigpen



RT Croswell and Donna Croswell - April 06, 2024 at 06:32 AM

RO

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family, God Bless
you and keep you in his loving care. Frank
always had a smile and something to say..
Beverly & Jim



Ross - April 05, 2024 at 08:35 PM

MN

“ Marie H Norman lit a candle in memory of
Franklin Thigpen



Marie H Norman - April 05, 2024 at 07:19 PM

AW

“ Abbi & Guy Williams lit a candle in memory of
Franklin Thigpen



Abbi & Guy Williams - April 05, 2024 at 07:17 PM

KA

“ *Kenneth Armstead lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen*



Kenneth Armstead - April 05, 2024 at 06:28 PM

DH

“ *David N Ann Hall lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen*



David n Ann Hall - April 05, 2024 at 06:14 PM

BJ

“ *FRANK was a wonderful person Always spoke when he saw you...I always saw him driving around in his truck*



Beth Johnson - April 05, 2024 at 06:13 PM

BJ

Betty Johnson

Beth Johnson - April 05, 2024 at 06:13 PM

JG

“ *Joan And Charlie Gordon lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen*



Joan and Charlie Gordon - April 05, 2024 at 05:40 PM

JM

“ *Sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.*

Joyce Miller - April 05, 2024 at 04:21 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dzula lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen*



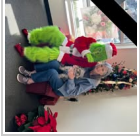
Debbie Dzula - April 05, 2024 at 02:56 PM

LC

“ *Larry And Roxanna Clore lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen*



Larry and Roxanna Clore - April 05, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ Margaret Ogg lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen



Margaret Ogg - April 05, 2024 at 01:24 PM

WA

“ We will always remember Frank, on the day we were married he was staying at my grandma Sadler, he was in the next room to us and he never let me forget it, Will miss him a lot.

Wayne - April 05, 2024 at 12:13 PM

DS

“ Dale Seward lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen



Dale Seward - April 05, 2024 at 12:12 PM

WH

“ Wayne & Marsha Healy lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen



Wayne & Marsha Healy - April 05, 2024 at 12:09 PM



“ *Gloria Couch lit a candle in memory of Franklin Thigpen* ”



Gloria Couch - April 05, 2024 at 11:51 AM